

COLLEGE *of*
CHARLESTON

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WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

The College of Charleston is a nationally recognized, public liberal arts and sciences university located in the heart of historic Charleston, South Carolina. Founded in 1770, the College is among the nation's top universities for quality education, student life and affordability. The College offers a distinctive combination of a beautiful and historic campus, modern facilities and cutting-edge programs.

Students from 50 states and territories and nearly 70 countries choose the College of Charleston for its small-college feel blended with the advantages and diversity of an urban, mid-sized university. The College provides a creative and intellectually stimulating environment where students are challenged by a committed and caring faculty of distinguished teacher-scholars, all in an incomparable setting.

The city of Charleston – world renowned for its history, culture, architecture and coastal environment – serves the College's approximately 10,000 undergraduates and 1,500 graduate students as a living and learning laboratory for experiences in business, science, teaching, the humanities, languages and the arts. At the same time, students and faculty are engaged with the community in partnerships to improve education, enhance the business community and enrich the overall quality of life in the region.

At the College of Charleston, students learn how to succeed and grow, both inside and outside the classroom. This comes from a rigorous exposure to the arts, sciences and humanities, and from dedication to achievement in education, business and other professional careers. It comes from exceptional opportunities to pursue knowledge and conduct research at the undergraduate and graduate levels. It comes from a vibrant and enriching campus life that provides meaningful opportunities to become engaged and involved, to make a difference and to become a leader.



HISTORY



Founded in 1770 and chartered in 1785, the College of Charleston is the oldest institution of higher education south of Virginia and the 13th oldest in the United States. On January 30, 1770, Lt. Gov. William Bull recommended to the colony's general assembly the establishment of a provincial college - but internal disagreements, political rivalries and the American Revolution delayed its progress. After the war, South Carolinians returned their attention to establishing a college. On March 19, 1785, the College of Charleston was chartered to "encourage and institute youth in the several branches of liberal education."

The College's first president, Reverend Robert Smith, also served as the rector of St. Philip's Church in Charleston and later became the first Episcopal bishop of South Carolina. In 1785, the College's first classes were held on the ground floor of Reverend Smith's home on Glebe Street (now the residence for the president of the College). Rooms for the College were eventually fashioned out of old military barracks on the public land that is now the Cistern Yard, where instruction began in 1790. The College graduated its first class in 1794, which consisted of six students.

In 1837, the College became the nation's first municipal college when the City of Charleston assumed responsibility for its support. The City provided funds, for example, to enlarge the main academic building (Randolph Hall, built under President Jasper Adams in 1828-29), to construct Porters Lodge and to fence in the Cistern Yard, the block that is still the core of the campus. It remained a municipal college until the 1950s, when the College again became a private institution.

Under the presidency of Harrison Randolph, the first residence halls were built, scholarships were created and women were admitted to the College. Enrollment, however, remained at about 500 until the College became a state institution in 1970. During Theodore Stern's presidency, from 1968 to 1979, the College began developing its flagship programs in marine biology and fine arts; the first master's degree programs were introduced; the physical facilities expanded, from fewer than 10 buildings to more than 100; and the number of students increased to about 5,000.

In 1992, the University of Charleston, now called The Graduate School of the College of Charleston, was founded as the graduate program for the College. The Graduate School now offers 17 degree and eight certificate programs, and coordinates support for the College's many nationally recognized faculty research programs.

Now with more than 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College has continued to grow both academically and physically. Today, under the presidency of P. George Benson, the College of Charleston is working to ensure that it retains its traditions in the liberal arts and sciences while responding to the needs of its evolving student population with cutting-edge academic programming and state-of-the-art facilities.

ABOUT CHARLESTON

It doesn't take a long visit to Charleston to understand why *Travel & Leisure* magazine named our city as one of its best destinations in the United States and Canada in 2008 and why it has been ranked as one of the top 10 domestic travel destinations for the past 12 years in *Condé Nast Traveler*.

Founded more than 300 years ago, Charleston is regarded as a "living museum" by preservationists. Its hidden alleyways, historic homes and enchanting gardens give it an unrivaled Southern charm that can be appreciated by taking a guided walking tour, riding on a horse-drawn carriage or simply wandering the streets aimlessly. But Charleston isn't just a beautifully preserved architectural and historical treasure. It's also a contemporary urban center boasting art galleries, music venues, theaters, shopping and some of the finest cuisine there is.

With all the benefits of urban living - just on a smaller scale - Charleston has the perfect balance of cultural opportunities and recreational activities, offering something for everyone.





VISITING CAMPUS

The College of Charleston welcomes visitors to its beautiful, historic campus. Interested students, parents and friends who visit our campus will find plenty of ways to enjoy it – from a stroll in the shade of the live oak trees draped with Spanish moss, to a step back in time as they enter the threshold of Towell Library, to a glimpse of the future in the Beatty Center for the School of Business and Economics.

CAMPUS TOURS

Student-guided walking tours of campus and information sessions are offered weekdays at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. between September and April, when the College is in session. From May to August, weekday tours are offered only at 9:30 a.m.

You must register for tours in advance on the admissions website, cofc.edu/admissions. For information, contact the Office of Admissions and Adult Student Services at 843.953.5670 or 843.953.5620, or e-mail admissions@cofc.edu. On days that campus tours are unavailable, a self-guided tour map is available in the Admissions Information Center.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

From I-26: Take the Meeting Street exit, Exit 221B, and turn right onto Meeting Street. Follow Meeting Street for approximately .8 mile to Calhoun Street. Turn right onto Calhoun Street, travel two blocks to St. Philip Street, and turn right. You may park in the parking garage on St. Philip Street, about 1/2 block above Calhoun Street.

Heading north on HWY 17: Take the Lockwood Drive South exit. From Lockwood Dr., turn left onto Calhoun Street, travel approximately .8 mile to St. Philip Street, and turn left. You may park in the parking garage on St. Philip Street, about 1/2 block above Calhoun Street.



Heading south on HWY 17: Follow Highway 17 over the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge, and exit the bridge onto Meeting Street. Turn left onto Meeting Street, and travel approximately .8 mile to Calhoun Street. Turn right onto Calhoun Street, travel two blocks to St. Philip Street, and turn right. You may park in the parking garage on St. Philip Street, about 1/2 block above Calhoun Street.

From the airport: A cab ride to the campus will take about 15 minutes and cost approximately \$20. If renting a car at the airport, use I-26 and follow the "From I-26" directions.

Once you've parked, walk back to Calhoun Street, cross the street and make a right. Walk about 1/2 block, and the entrance to campus is on your left (with the statue of a cougar inside the gate). The Admissions Information Center is located in the Robert Scott Small Building, which is just inside the gate on the right.

QUICK FACTS

ACADEMICS

Majors: 46

Minors: 82

Master's programs: 17 (and eight certificate programs)

Student-faculty ratio: 16:1

Average class size: 20.8

Library volumes: 762,034

ENROLLMENT (FALL 2008)

Undergraduate: 9,784

Graduate: 1,583

Total: 11,367

Female students: 66.2%

Male students: 33.8%

Students living on campus: 3,202

Percentage of in-state students: 68.2%

Percentage of out-of-state students: 31.8%

U.S. states and territories represented: 50

Countries represented: 67

FRESHMAN CLASS (FALL 2008)

SAT: 1140-1300 (average is 1221)

ACT: 23-26 (average is 25)

GPA: 3.5-4.2 (average is 3.8)

Average class rank: Top 22.7%

ANNUAL EXPENSES (2008-09)

Undergraduate tuition, full-time in-state: \$8,400

Undergraduate tuition, full-time out-of-state: \$20,418

Graduate School tuition: \$8,820 (in-state); \$21,438 (out-of-state)

Campus housing: \$4,720-\$8,108

Meal plans: \$2,480-\$2,820



ACADEMIC PROFILE

The College of Charleston consistently ranks as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, student life and affordability in *U.S. News & World Report*, *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*, *Fiske Guide to Colleges* and Princeton Review's *The Best 368 Colleges* and *America's Best Value Colleges*.

The College's reputation for excellence is based on a first-rate, individualized liberal arts and sciences educational experience that provides a strong foundation for intellectual exploration, learning and discovery. All students are required to take two years of a foreign language through the School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs, along with courses in the humanities, social sciences, hard sciences and the arts. Students can then individualize their experience with traditional majors and minors, less traditional majors and interdisciplinary minors and concentrations. By customizing their education, students delve more deeply into their individual interests and also increase their value in the job market.

The College of Charleston is first and foremost a teaching institution. Classes are taught by professors, not teaching assistants. Our exceptional faculty is constantly available to students, mentoring them and giving them access to experiential learning opportunities. Our students participate in a variety of research projects and study abroad programs, and they take advantage of our historic city's art and business communities as well as the region's diverse natural environment.

The combination of off-campus internships, faculty-student collaborative research, intensive individualized study and a comprehensive general education program gives graduates of the College of Charleston an exceptional foundation as they pursue further academic study or enter into the professional world. The College of Charleston experience shapes the knowledgeable, versatile, creative and confident leaders of tomorrow.



ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

The College of Charleston consists of six academic schools, as well as the Honors College and the Graduate School.

The **School of the Arts** hosts South Carolina's flagship undergraduate arts program in music, studio art and theatre and also includes one of the few independent art history departments in North America, one of the nation's only undergraduate arts management programs and a prominent undergraduate program combining historic preservation and community planning.

With the state's first entrepreneurship center, a department dedicated to hospitality and tourism management and a real estate program, the **School of Business and Economics** bridges students' classroom experience with real-world opportunities in the global business community.

ACADEMIC PROFILE



The **School of Education, Health, and Human Performance**

prepares students for careers in education and health professions, such as exercise science and athletic training, through academic coursework, field experience and clinical practice made possible through its various programs and partnerships with area school districts, businesses and the greater Charleston community.

Representing the disciplines most closely aligned with the traditional liberal arts and sciences – English, history and philosophy – and the more modern fields of anthropology, communication, political science, psychology, religious studies and sociology, the **School of Humanities and Social Sciences** is dedicated to close collaboration between faculty and students as well as the cultivation of written expression and critical thinking.

The **School of Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs** includes one of the most comprehensive language programs in the Southeast, in-depth majors in classical and modern languages, overseas study programs, specialized programs for future language professionals and offerings in several less-commonly taught languages, such as Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew and Hindi.

Host to the state's flagship program in marine biology and recognized as South Carolina's leading institution in undergraduate science education, the **School of Sciences and Mathematics** receives generous external research support, giving students opportunities for individual research in addition to significant involvement in inquiry-based learning in the classroom and teaching laboratory.

The **Honors College** challenges intellectually talented students to customize and maximize their educations through special team-taught Honors classes (with an interdisciplinary focus), research opportunities with top faculty members and an independent study project that culminates in a bachelor's essay.

The 17 master's degree programs and eight certificate programs at **The Graduate School of the College of Charleston** all take advantage of the unique opportunities provided by the people, institutions and environment of the South Carolina Lowcountry and offers specialized knowledge and training sought by professionals living and working in the region.

ACCREDITATION

The College of Charleston is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award the Artium Baccalaureates, the bachelor of arts, the bachelor of science and, in conjunction with The Graduate School of the College of Charleston, the master of arts, the master of science, the master of education and the Master of Public Administration and the Master of Arts in Teaching.

FIELDS OF STUDY

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Undergraduate Majors

- Art History
- Arts Management
- Historic Preservation and Community Planning
- Music
- Studio Art
- Theatre

Undergraduate Minors and Concentrations

- Art History
- Arts Management
- Dance
- Historic Preservation and Community Planning
- Music
- Studio Art
- Theatre
- Theatre for Youth

Graduate Programs

- Historic Preservation (M.S.)
- Performing Arts (M.A.T.)
- Artist Certificate in Performance
- Certificate in Arts Management





FIELDS OF STUDY

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Undergraduate Majors

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- International Business

Undergraduate Minors and Concentrations

- Arts Management
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Global Logistics
- Global Logistics and Transportation Management
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Languages and International Business
- Leadership, Change and Social Responsibility
- Marketing
- Pre-Actuarial Studies
- Real Estate

Graduate Programs

- Accountancy (M.S.)



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Undergraduate Majors

- Athletic Training
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Middle Level Education
- Physical Education
- Special Education

Undergraduate Minors and Concentrations

- Exercise Science
- Foreign Language Education - Classics (Latin), French, German and Spanish
- Health
- Health Promotion
- Secondary Education

Graduate Programs

- Early Childhood Education (M.A.T.)
- Elementary Education (M.A.T.)
- Languages (M.Ed.)
- Performing Arts (M.A.T.)
- Special Education (M.A.T.)
- Sciences and Mathematics for Teachers (M.Ed.)
- Initial and Advanced Certificates for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Undergraduate Majors

- Anthropology
- Communication
- English
- History
- Philosophy
- Political Science

FIELDS OF STUDY

Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Urban Studies

Undergraduate Minors and Concentrations

American Studies
Anthropology
Communication Studies
Comparative Literature
Creative Writing
Crime, Law and Society
English
Environmental Studies
European Studies
Film Studies
Geography
History
Media Studies
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Women's and Gender Studies

Graduate Programs

Communication (M.A.)
English (M.A.)
History (M.A.)
Public Administration (M.P.A.)
Certificate in Organizational and Corporate Communication
Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning



FIELDS OF STUDY

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES, CULTURES, AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Undergraduate Majors

Classical Studies

French

German

Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Spanish

Undergraduate Minors and Concentrations

African American Studies

African Studies

Archaeology

Asian Studies

British Studies

Classics

Comparative Literature

European Studies

French

French Studies

German

German Studies

Greek

International Studies

Italian

Italian Studies

Japanese

Japanese Studies

Jewish Studies

Languages and International Business

Latin

Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Linguistics

Russian Studies

Spanish

Graduate Programs

- Bilingual Legal Interpreting (M.A.)
- Languages (M.Ed.)
- Certificate in Bilingual Legal Interpreting
- Certificate in Medical and Health Care Interpreting

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Undergraduate Majors

- Astronomy
- Astrophysics
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Discovery Informatics
- Geology
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics
- Physics



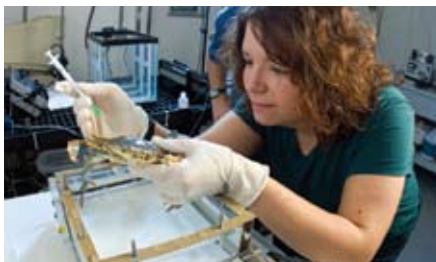
FIELDS OF STUDY

Undergraduate Minors and Concentrations

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Discovery Informatics
- Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Geology
- Environmental Studies
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Meteorology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Pre-Actuarial Studies

Graduate Programs

- Computer and Information Sciences (M.S.)
- Environmental Studies (M.S.)
- Marine Biology (M.S.)
- Mathematics (M.S.)
- Science and Mathematics (M.Ed.)
- Certificate in Statistics





CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

The College is home to more than 25 centers and institutes whose collective work enriches the academic lives of students and others in the Charleston community. The ongoing efforts of these institutes and centers range in scope from research in African American studies to educational outreach on the topic of self expression.

- Ann and Lee Higdon Student Leadership Center
- Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture
- Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World program
- The Carter Real Estate Center
- Center for Creative Retirement
- Center for Disability Services
- Center for the Documentary
- Center for International Education
- Center for Partnerships to Improve Education
- Center for Student Learning
- Center for the Advancement of New Literacies in Middle Grades
- Charleston Math and Science Hub
- Community Service Center
- Consortium for Liberal Education & Entrepreneurship
- Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art
- Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Studies
- Lowcountry Graduate Center
- Lowcountry Hall of Science & Math
- Michael Pincus Languages Resource Center
- Multicultural Student Center
- Nathan E. Miles Early Childhood Development Center
- South Carolina Space Grant Consortium
- Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center
- Tate Center for Entrepreneurship



CAMPUS LIFE



At the College of Charleston, students discover a historic campus that's an integral part of the life and culture of Charleston. They learn that the College of Charleston is intimately and inextricably connected - historically, socially, academically and economically- to the city of Charleston. The city becomes a cherished part of our students' lives: a beautiful place to study and learn, and a place to become part of a community.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Approximately 3,400 students take advantage of the residence halls, historic houses, apartments and fraternity and sorority houses on campus. Although each residence is unique, all on-campus housing provides residents with a sense of community and a taste of responsible citizenship.



Coed Housing

- Buist Rivers Residence Hall
- College Lodge
- McAlister Hall
- Glenn McConnell Residence Hall
- Rutledge Rivers Residence Hall
- Liberty Street Residence Hall
- Kelly House (reserved for upperclassmen)
- Warren Place (reserved for upperclassmen)
- George Street Apartments (reserved for upperclassmen)
- Historic houses, including 13 Coming Street and 298 and 300 Meeting Street

CAMPUS LIFE

Female-Only Housing

- Joe E. Berry Jr. Residence Hall
- Historic houses, including the Knox-Lesesne House, 4 and 24 Bull Street, the 24 Bull Street Annex, 29 Coming Street and 31, 70 and 72 Coming Street

Sorority Houses

- 15 St. Philip: Sigma Delta Tau
- 28 Coming: Kappa Alpha Theta
- 32 Coming: Phi Mu
- 34 Coming: Zeta Tau Alpha
- 36 Coming: Alpha Delta Pi
- 38 Coming: Chi Omega

Male-Only Housing

- Craig Hall and Craig Union
- Historic houses, including 17 St. Philip Street, 8 Kirkland Lane and 90 and 92 Wentworth Street

Fraternity Houses

- 99 Wentworth: Pi Kappa Alpha
- 101 Wentworth: Alpha Phi Alpha
- 103 Wentworth: Kappa Alpha
- 105 Wentworth: Kappa Sigma
- 107 Wentworth: Sigma Phi Epsilon

The College also offers residence experiences dedicated to specific themes. The Spanish House, 8 Bull Street, is available to female Spanish students who want to immerse themselves in the Spanish language and Spanish and Hispanic cultures. The French House, 6 Bull Street, is a learning community for women who want to immerse themselves in the French language and culture. The Women's and Gender Studies House, 2 Bull Street, is a residential community for women interested in the study of women and gender in different cultures and time periods.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

More than 100 organizations represent the interests, beliefs and ideologies of student groups, including honor societies and clubs focusing on academics, drama, government and politics, international interests, religion, service, visual arts, special interests and sports. Many students choose to get involved in intramurals, join the Student Government Association or the Cougar Activities Board, become a part of Greek life, participate in one of the many performance organizations and try their hand at print, radio or television journalism.

SERVICE LEARNING

The College of Charleston strives to make community service an integral part of a student's education through both coursework and meaningful volunteer opportunities. The Office of Service-Learning coordinates these efforts by assisting students, on an individual or group basis, who want to get involved in community service and by working with faculty to develop service-learning courses. The Community Service Center refers students to local nonprofit service opportunities that range from one-day events to yearlong mentoring programs. In addition to the variety of projects that develop throughout the year, there are several annual events in which the College community serves, such as Dash for Trash and the Move Out, Help Out event. Alternative Spring Break and Maymester/Summer International Service-Learning Opportunities such as Project Harambee (in Kenya) encourage students to continue to volunteer throughout their lives.

THE ARTS ON CAMPUS

As home to Spoleto Festival USA, the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, the MOJA Festival, the jazz and blues festivals, as well as many museums, galleries and theater companies, Charleston has an active arts community – and the College is uniquely situated in the center of it all.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In this culturally enriched environment, students experience and get involved with the arts. They have frequent contact with arts professionals from around the world through the College's artist-in-residence programs, art history lecture series, recitals, gallery exhibitions, performances and internships with Spoleto Festival USA, the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, the Office of Cultural Affairs (City of Charleston), the Gibbes Museum of Art, Creative Spark Center for the Arts, Footlight Players, the Charleston Concert Association and Sculpture in the South.

As a center for many arts events in the Lowcountry, the College not only hosts and helps organize community arts events, but also presents the campus and local community with student



and faculty performances in theater, music and the visual arts throughout the year.

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

Students perform in Piccolo Spoleto Festival concerts and productions, including the Department of Music's Young Artists Series and the Department of Theatre's Stella di Domani Series, both of which involve award-winning students performing alongside well-established guests and alumni.

Students also participate in a variety of performance groups and organizations, such as Center Stage (a student-run theater company), the Shakespeare Project, the Madrigal Singers, the University Choir and the opera, pep band, chamber orchestra and the jazz, guitar, chamber, flute and wind ensembles. In addition to performing locally, student groups such as the Concert Choir and the Gospel Choir have toured the country and parts of Europe.

HALSEY INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART

One of the most adventurous and innovative venues for the display of contemporary art in the Southeast, the Halsey Institute hosts between six and 10 exhibitions per year, including the Young Contemporaries Series, which gives students the opportunity to showcase their work. Focusing on the issues and images of contemporary art with an emphasis on works by emerging and mid-career artists of national and international stature, the Halsey Institute also sponsors community-based programs and hosts artist lectures, film screenings, symposia and gallery talks.

STUDENT LEARNING INITIATIVES

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND PLANNING CENTER

The Academic Advising and Planning Center helps undergraduate students identify their personal and career goals and the appropriate strategies for attaining those goals. All advisers and administrative personnel are active members of the National Academic Advising Association.

CAREER CENTER

The Career Center meets the career needs of students and alumni through programs and services that are designed to help individuals learn about themselves and their personal needs and skills, explore the world of work and the demands and rewards of various occupations, gain experience in career fields of interest through internships and other opportunities and acquire job-seeking and interviewing skills. In addition, the Career Center offers a 24/7 Web-based job-posting system, on-campus recruiting, graduate/professional school advising and career workshops/fairs.

CENTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES

The Center for Disability Services is dedicated to ensuring that all of the College's programs, services and activities are accessible and that all students are given equal educational opportunities, independence and respect. For example, students with documented disabilities are provided accommodations specific to their individual needs, such as extra testing time and access to assistive technology. The center also provides education and training for faculty, staff and students and information sessions for parents, support groups and high school and community college counselors.

CENTER FOR STUDENT LEARNING

The Center for Student Learning, which includes labs and other tutorial services, provides students with individual or group assistance from trained and experienced staff, faculty and peer tutors. Students may receive tutoring on a walk-in basis

(accounting, math, Spanish, French, writing, speaking) or by appointment (subject-area tutoring, all other foreign languages). Supplemental instruction meeting times are set by semester, and study groups and study skills seminars are scheduled periodically throughout the semester. Standardized test preparation is available by individual appointment or by weekly group schedule.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

The First-Year Experience at the College of Charleston is designed to assist new students with their transition to college and provide them with the skills that will help them succeed throughout their academic careers. The courses give new students the chance to meet other new students at the beginning of the school year, and an opportunity to work closely with top-level faculty.

ANN AND LEE HIGDON STUDENT LEADERSHIP CENTER

The Higdon Student Leadership Center focuses on students who are looking for opportunities, activities and experiences that will help them prepare for leadership roles in society. The center offers students the opportunity to participate in leadership conferences, seminars and other programs that provide them with an interactive “learning laboratory” for life-skill development and simultaneously stimulate a desire for further exploration through existing academic courses.

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Multicultural Student Programs and Services supports all facets of student life and academic success to ensure that minority/multicultural and underrepresented students are equipped with the necessary tools for an enriching college experience. MSPS empowers students through a network of programs and services, including academic and personal counseling, peer mentoring, referrals, leadership training, community-service opportunities and assistance with finding internships, scholarships, grants and other financial assistance.

DINING SERVICES

Dining Services offers students, faculty, staff and guests high-quality, nutritious food in a variety of attractive, comfortable settings, including Java City, Einstein Bros Bagels, the Stern Center Food Court and the Hungry Cougar. The newest on-campus dining location - the Liberty Street Fresh Food Company - features exhibition cooking and rotating menus from around the globe, as well as culinary twists on old American favorites, a large salad bar and made-to-order deli specials.





PUBLIC SAFETY

The College's public safety officers patrol the campus around the clock seven days a week. The department offers a series of crime-prevention and safety/awareness programs and a 24/7 escort service for anyone walking to any location on campus. In addition, the College offers a SAFERIDE cab service for transportation within the downtown city limits between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.





ATHLETICS

From packing the Carolina First Arena for basketball and volleyball games to filling the stands at the baseball stadium, many students, faculty, staff and community members support the College's athletics programs. A member of the Southern Conference, NCAA Division I, the College boasts a proud athletics tradition, with 20 teams plus a cheerleading team, and an academic program for student athletic trainers. The Cougars proudly wear the school colors - maroon and white.

In fall 2008, the College established a new home-court advantage when it opened the 5,000-seat Carolina First Arena to support the basketball and volleyball teams.

A FEW COUGAR HIGHLIGHTS

The sailing team won both the Intercollegiate Dinghy National Championship and the Leonard M. Fowle Memorial Trophy in 2007 - the sport's supreme honor and the 13th national title for the Cougars. In 2008, the co-ed team finished third at the national championships, and the women's team won the SAISA Spring Women's Championship.

The men's swimming and diving team won the inaugural Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Championship in 2008.

The equestrian team claimed its fourth straight Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone 5 Championship in 2008, and its 21st title in 25 years overall.

The volleyball team has won eight straight SoCon titles and has advanced to the NCAA Tournament four times in the past five years.

The baseball team is a consistent contender for the NCAA Tournament. Since 2004, the Cougars have made three trips into the post-season, and in 2006, they reached the super regionals. The team celebrated its fourth consecutive SoCon title in 2007.



In addition, nine College of Charleston players were selected in the 2008 Major League Baseball draft.

Over the past 10 years, the basketball team has compiled a 221-80 record, won two conference championships, five divisional championships, three conference tournament championships, and appeared in two NCAA Regionals and one National Invitational Tournament. In fall 2007, the College was named one of the top 15 basketball schools in the nation by *Basketball Times*.

The women's tennis team was named the 2007 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team. This marks the ninth consecutive year the Cougars have earned this honor, making it the longest consecutive streak in the NCAA.

The men's cross country team was recognized by the NCAA in April 2008 for posting multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in Division I. The APR serves as public recognition of the 2007-08 sports teams that have achieved the highest level of academic performance in Division I.

The women's golf team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament in 2007.

ATHLETICS

CO-ED TEAMS

cheerleading
sailing
dance

MEN'S TEAMS

baseball
basketball
cross country
golf
sailing
soccer
swimming/diving
tennis

WOMEN'S TEAMS

basketball
cross country
equestrian
golf
indoor track
outdoor track
sailing
soccer
softball
swimming/diving
tennis
volleyball





FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

The College of Charleston's campus is an elegant blend of classical, colonial, antebellum, Victorian and modern architecture. More important, the College's facilities, while preserving a sense of history, are technologically state-of-the-art.

THE HISTORIC HEART OF CAMPUS

The Cistern

The large grassy oval in front of Randolph Hall is called the Cistern. Constructed in 1857 to help control the problem of rainwater flooding as well as provide water for fighting fires, the Cistern was later covered and planted with grass. Today, it is a favorite studying spot for students.

Porters Lodge (National Historic Landmark)

Constructed in 1850, this building was the home to the College's porter, or custodian. On its George Street façade, it bears the Greek inscription for "Know Thyself." Today, the structure serves as faculty offices.

Randolph Hall (National Historic Landmark)

Built in 1828-29, this structure is one of the oldest college buildings still in use in the United States. Named for a former president of the College, Randolph Hall served as the main academic building on campus for many years. Today, it is used primarily for administrative offices, although it still contains some classrooms. The main meeting area, located on the second floor, is called Alumni Memorial Hall. Many of the College's formal ceremonies and announcements take place here.

Towell Library (National Historic Landmark)

Built in 1855, this structure was the first campus library. Named for an alumnus, former chemistry professor, dean and acting president, Towell Library presently houses the Office of Admissions and Adult Student Services.



RANDOLPH HALL

FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

President's House (National Historic Landmark)

The oldest building on campus is the president's home at 6 Glebe Street, which was constructed in 1770 as the parsonage of St. Philip's Church. Today, it serves as the home of the current College president.

Sottile Theatre

When it was completed in 1922, the Sottile Theatre was the largest theater in the state, seating more than 2,000. Today, it hosts a wide variety of performing arts events in support of the College, Spoleto Festival USA and community groups.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture

Located a few blocks from campus, the Avery Research Center is a small museum and archive dedicated to collecting and preserving the unique historical and cultural heritage of African Americans in the South Carolina Lowcountry.

Blacklock House (National Historic Landmark)

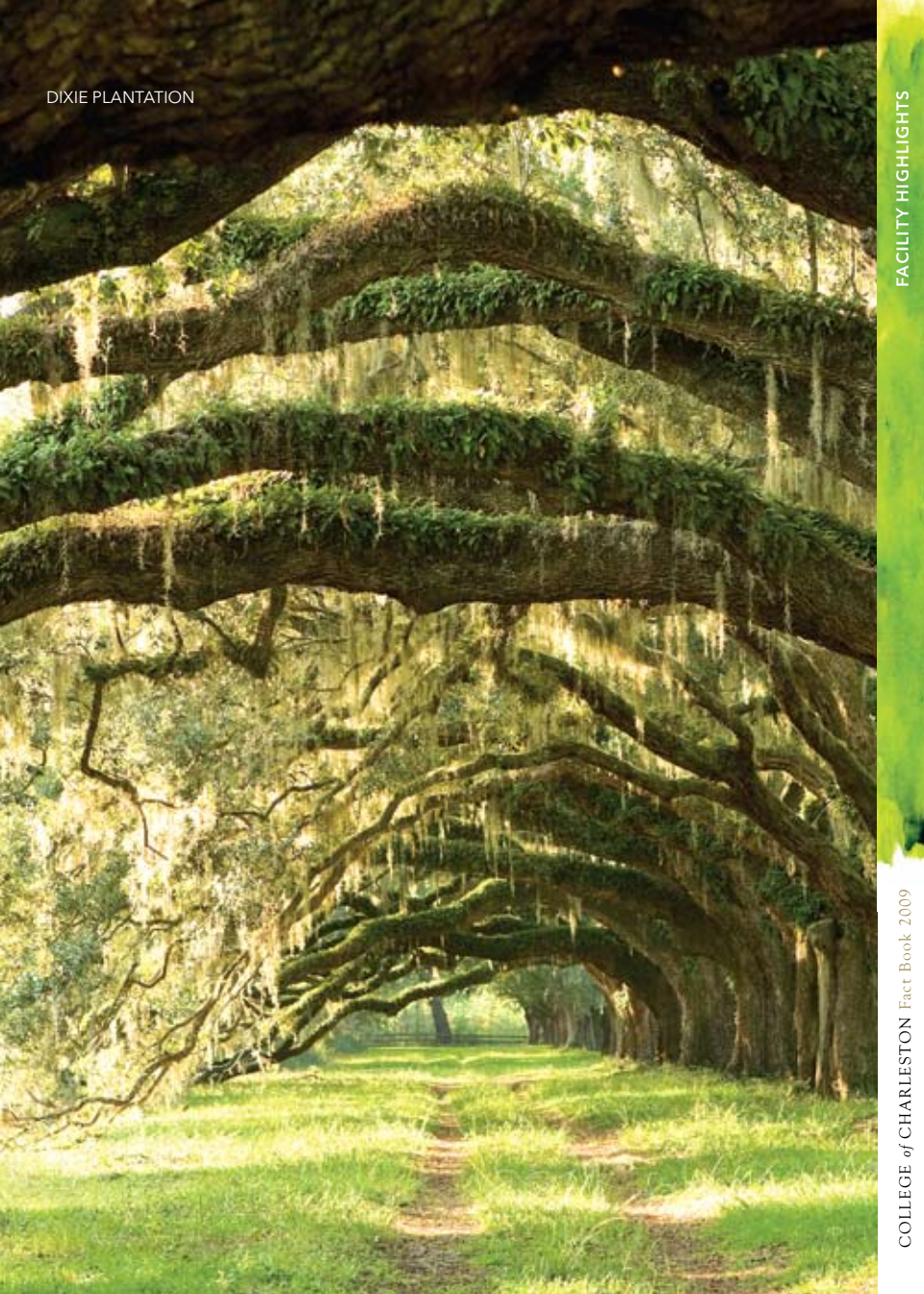
Built in 1800 by an English merchant, the Blacklock House is the home for the Office of Alumni Relations.

Dixie Plantation

This 862-acre site on the Intracoastal Waterway contains pristine marshlands, fresh and saltwater ponds, forested wetlands and pine forest. Dixie - acquired by the College in 1995 - provides a natural laboratory for biology and marine science students as well as a natural studio for art students. In the near future, the College plans to expand Dixie's use, with the possible addition of research stations, classrooms, a residence hall and a conference center.

Grice Marine Laboratory

Located at Fort Johnson on James Island, Grice Marine Laboratory is the College's marine lab and houses academic



DIXIE PLANTATION

FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

programs in marine biology, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

North Campus

Located in North Charleston, the north campus provides undergraduate programs, professional development and continuing education and is the home of the Lowcountry Graduate Center, a joint effort of the College, The Citadel and the Medical University of South Carolina to expand graduate opportunities in the area.

Sottile House

Built c. 1890 by a prominent Charleston merchant, the Sottile House is a Victorian mansion located near the center of campus and is noted for its stained-glass windows, carved oak doors, mosaics, chandeliers and delicate woodwork. Today, it houses the College's Division of Institutional Advancement.

THE NEWEST GEMS IN OUR CROWN

Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library

Opened in 2005, this state-of-the-art, 140,000-square-foot facility has a holding capacity of 1 million volumes. The building contains the College's library, the Center for Student Learning, a student computer lab and a café. The library provides students with access to more than 40,000 electronic journals and to virtually every book published in America between 1639 and 1800. On its third floor is Special Collections, which contains rare books, photographs, maps, prints, artifacts, manuscripts and the Jewish Heritage Collection.

Beatty Center

Opened in 2005, this state-of-the-art facility contains classrooms, faculty offices and meeting space and serves as the home to the School of Business and Economics.

ADDLESTONE LIBRARY



FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Carolina First Arena

Opened in fall 2008, this 270,000-square-foot sports complex includes the 5,000-seat arena – the new home of the volleyball team and men’s and women’s basketball teams. The facility also boasts state-of-the-art sports medicine facilities, the Cougars Athletics Hall of Fame, locker rooms, athletics offices, an academic support area and a 3,500-square-foot hospitality suite with an outdoor terrace.

George Street Apartments

Opened to upperclassmen in fall 2007, this five-story, multi-unit, co-ed complex accommodates 199 students. Each unit (there are three-, four- and five-bedroom clusters) offers single rooms with full-size beds, fully furnished living rooms, fully equipped kitchens and a washer and a dryer.

Liberty Street Fresh Food Company

This contemporary 26,000-square-foot dining hall opened in fall 2007, and features six service stations with fresh and local food choices, plasma-screen TVs, lounge seating and a fireplace.

Liberty Street Residence Hall

Opened in fall 2007, this co-ed residence hall has beds for 439 first-year students and features two spacious game rooms, study rooms, laundry rooms and several other community spaces.

Patriots Point Athletics Complex

Newly renovated in 2008, this facility is located in Mt. Pleasant and is the home of the men’s and women’s soccer and tennis programs, and the softball and baseball teams. The baseball complex includes a 3,000-square-foot indoor practice facility and a hospitality deck and seating for 2,000 spectators. The J. Stewart Walker Jr. Sailing Complex, home to the College’s sailing program, is located nearby at Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina.

CAROLINA FIRST ARENA



FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

School of Education, Health, and Human Performance Complex

This facility opened in 2007 and is composed of two buildings - the Jeremy Warren Vann Teacher Education Center and the School of Education, Health, and Human Performance Building. The structures feature an Alumni Center, a Curriculum Resource Center, a headquarters for teaching fellows as well as conference space and faculty offices. The facility received the Committee to Save the City's Three Sisters Award for its distinguished architecture in February 2008.

Stono Ferry Learning Center and Practice Range

Opened in 2007, this world-class golf complex includes two indoor hitting bays, a 25,000-square-foot practice range, a short-game area, practice bunkers, a putting green equipped with night lighting as well as an on-site lounge/eating area, kitchen, conference space, locker rooms and coaches' offices.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Marion and Wayland H. Cato Jr. Center for the Arts

Planned to be opened in fall 2009, this approximately 70,000-square-foot building will complement the Albert Simons Center for the Arts and provide teaching space and dance studios, new room for choral and ensemble practice and more space for the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art - complete with a media room and a space for special collections.

Science Center

Expected to be completed by 2010, the new 126,000-square-foot, \$58-million science center will house the Departments of Biology and Chemistry and Biochemistry, state-of-the-art research and teaching laboratories, a NASA-supported geology museum and a 600-square-foot greenhouse.

STONO FERRY LEARNING CENTER
AND PRACTICE RANGE



ALUMNI

The Alumni Association provides and sponsors a wide variety of gatherings, events, programs and benefits for alumni, faculty, students and friends of the College of Charleston on campus and throughout the world.

Operating through its elected Alumni Board and with the support of the Office of Alumni Relations, the Alumni Association works closely with a wide range of groups, including the alumni past presidents, the Student Alumni Associates, the Graduate School Alumni Association and regional chapter leaders, to engage the College community in a variety of ways. The association helps connect students with alumni in order to assist students in networking, acquiring internships, getting career advice and finding job placement. The association also assists different campus offices with student recruitment, fundraising and scholarship assistance.

SOME SIGNIFICANT ALUMNI

Robert Mills (Class of 1799) - America's first architect, famous for his designs of the Washington Monument, the Department of Treasury building, other federal structures and numerous courthouses across South Carolina

John C. Fremont (Class of 1836) - frontier explorer known as the "Great Pathfinder," one of the first California senators, first Republican nominee for president, U.S. general in Civil War and early governor of Arizona

Burnet R. Maybank (Class of 1919) - S.C. politician, played an integral role in developing New Deal legislation

Webb Haymaker (Class of 1922) - world-renowned scientist and neuropathologist with NASA

Frank Blair (Class of 1934) - first news anchor of NBC's *The Today Show*

James Edwards (Class of 1950) - S.C. politician, former secretary of energy under President Ronald Reagan and former president of the Medical University of South Carolina

Arlinda Locklear (Class of 1973) - first Native American woman to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court

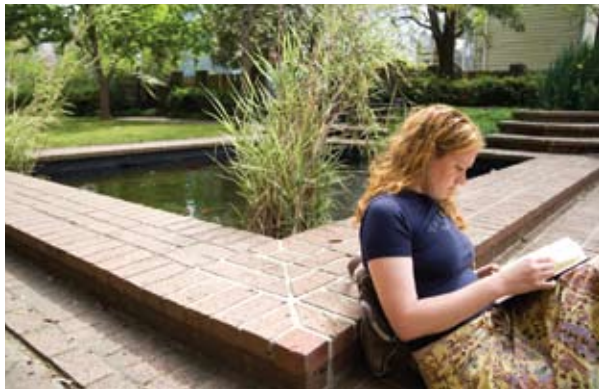
Callie Shell (Class of 1983) - White House photographer for Vice President Al Gore, political photojournalist for *Time* magazine

Amy Tomberlin (Class of 1996) - pioneering stunt woman who has appeared in numerous movies and commercials

Anthony Johnson (Class of 1997) - NBA veteran of 12 years

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